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The reply filed on 1/7/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: Applicant failed to elect a species of tube to tube sheet connection as specifically required (the wording of the requirement was clear: "Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species of tube to tubesheet connection, and a single disclosed species of header configuration for prosecution on the merits"). Applicant only fulfilled the second part of the requirement set forth. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

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